

HOUSE BILL 3214

By Pitts

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 4, relative to special license plates for veterans of U.S. military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-202(c)(5)(F), is amended by adding the following as new, appropriately designated subdivisions:

- () Operation Iraqi Freedom veteran;
- () Operation Enduring Freedom (Afghanistan) veteran;

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-203(c)(1), is amended by adding the following as new, appropriately designated subdivisions:

- () Operation Iraqi Freedom veteran;
- () Operation Enduring Freedom (Afghanistan) veteran;

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 4, Part 2, is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated section:

(a) An owner or lessee of a motor vehicle who is a resident of this state and who is an honorably discharged veteran of the United States armed forces who has served abroad in Iraq as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom or in Afghanistan as part of Operation Enduring Freedom, upon complying with state motor vehicle laws relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles and upon paying the regular fee applicable to the motor vehicle and the fee provided in § 55-4-203, shall be issued an Operation Iraqi Freedom veteran or Operation Enduring Freedom veteran registration plate, as applicable, for a motor vehicle authorized by § 55-4-210(c).

(b) All applications pursuant to this section shall be accompanied by orders or a statement of discharge from the appropriate branch of the United States armed forces classifying the applicant as an honorably discharged veteran who has served in Operation Iraqi Freedom or Operation Enduring Freedom; provided, that, notwithstanding any law to the contrary, an honorably discharged veteran of the United States armed forces shall be required to submit documentation of honorable discharge status only when initially applying for registration plates under this section and subsequent registration plates under this section shall be issued to that person without the repeated presentation of honorable discharge status documentation.

(c)

(1) For honorably discharged veterans of Operation Iraqi Freedom, the plate shall be designed by the commissioner of veterans' affairs in consultation with the commissioner of revenue. The commissioner of veterans' affairs shall also set proof of service requirements for veterans who have served in Operation Iraqi Freedom to obtain the plate.

(2) For honorably discharged veterans of Operation Enduring Freedom, the plate shall be designed by the commissioner of veterans' affairs in consultation with the commissioner of revenue. The commissioner of veterans' affairs shall also set proof of service requirements for veterans who have served in Operation Enduring Freedom to obtain the plate.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012, the public welfare requiring it.